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SUBJECT: MORE AID FOR THE POOREST: WHITE PAPER ON
BRITISH AID POLICY

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1. HMG WILL PRESENT WHITE PAPER ON BRITISH AID
POLICY TO PARLIAMENT OCTOBER 29. IT WILL BE FIRST
WHITE PAPER ON BRITISH AID IN 8 YEARS. OUR ODM
CONTACTS DESCRIBE IT AS A FAIRLY TECHNICAL DOCUMENT
DESIGNED NOT TO FORGE NEW INITIATIVES BUT RATHER TO
BRING TOGETHER POLICIES THAT HAVE BEEN OUTLINED IN
MINISTERIAL SPEECHES, PARLIAMENTARY RESPONSES AND
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INTERNAL GUIDANCE. INTRODUCTION TO PAPER WILL SET

WORLD SCENE, STRESS GENERAL PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF NEED FOR AID AND DISCUSS BRITISH ROLE IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORA. IT WILL EXPRESS ODM'S RECOGNITION OF FACT THAT AID TRANSFERS ARE NOT JUST BASED ON HUMANITARIAN CRITERIA. IT SHIES, HOWEVER, FROM LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF THE SELF-INTEREST AND COMMERCIAL FACTORS IMPLICIT IN DONOR/CLIENT RELATIONS. THIS WAS DONE SPECIFICALLY TO AVOID CLEARANCE PROBLEMS WITHIN WHITEHALL GIVEN CURRENT PUBLIC EXPENDITURE EXTINGENCIES.

2. BODY OF PAPER BEGINS WITH DISCUSSION OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN IDENTIFYING THE POOREST COUNTRIES AND DISCUSSES RATIONALE BEHIND ODM DECISION TO FOCUS ON COUNTRIES WITH PER CAPITA GNP OF UNDER TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. IT THEN OFFERS SUBTLE WARNING TO THE POOREST THAT IT IS MUCH EASIER FOR DONORS TO AID COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH EQUITABLE INCOME DISTRIBUTION. THERE IS ALSO A LONG CHAPTER ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT. GENESIS OF ODM'S GROWING ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD ARE DISCUSSED. IT STATES THAT CHANGE IS OF EMPHASIS NOT POLICY AS ODM HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO BASE ITS AID ON NEED CRITERIA. IN THIS CHAPTER ODM REPEATS ITS OFFER TO POOREST OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING TO ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS ARE POVERTY FOCUSED AND THUS RESPONSIVE TO DONOR CONCERNS. EMPHASIS IS ALSO PLACED ON NEED FOR FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMPREHENSIVE RURAL HOUSING SCHEMES AND SELF-HELP PROJECTS IN RURAL MEDICINE AND BASIC EDUCATION.

3. FURTHER CHAPTERS DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN WHICH THIRD PARTY AGREEMENTS WITH OPEC PROVIDING FUNDING AND UI EXPERTISE ARE URGED AND WITH UK'S ATTEMPTS TO BROADEN EC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE POLICY TO PROVIDE INCREASED AID TO THE NON-ASSOCIATED STATES. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SHORT CHAPTERS ON ODM'S DISASTER UNIT -- A SUBJECT PARTICULARLY DEAR TO THE HEART OF ODM'S FORMER MINISTER, JUDITH HART, AND ON TYPES OF FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PRIVATE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. FINALLY, THERE ARE THREE ANNEXES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE PAPER DESCRIBING:

- A) HOW AID IS PROGRAMMED AND HOW ODM DEVELOPS ITS COUNTRY POLICY PAPERS.
- B) VARIOUS FORMS OF AID, AND
- C) THE ORGANIZATION OF ODM.

4. COMMENT: EVEN THOUGH WHITE PAPER WAS BEGUN DURING JUDITH HART'S STINT AS ODM MINISTER OUR CONTACTS

INSIST THAT IT ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE VIEWS AND HAS
RECEIVED THE FULL BLESSING OF THE CURRENT MINISTER,
REG PRENTICE. WE WILL SUBMIT COPIES OF THE WHITE
PAPER AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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